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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 11-133845 published in Japan on May 21, 1999;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-244537 published in Japan on August 30, 2002; and
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2004-93910 published in Japan on March 25, 2004.

The above-listed prior art are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application.

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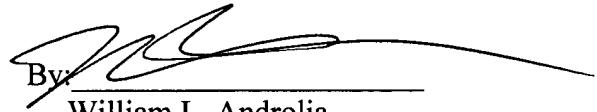
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indicated therein by way of the markings of As and Ps along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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